

Remarks

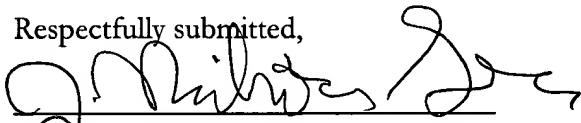
Claims 69 – 93 are pending.

The newly submitted claims (89 – 93) relate to those features of the present invention permitting a user to interact with and annotate online charts, such as, for example, those created by Java® based applets, by modifying an applet display buffer at the client computing system. Support for such claims is provided in numerous areas of the original disclosure, including pages 13, ll. 14+; page 16, ll. 21+, Figs. 2 and 3, and particularly the trendlines 330 shown in such figures. In addition to free-hand drawings, these annotations can also include features added automatically by the program under user control, such as labels, calculations, etc. *See* page 17, ll. 1 – 10.

Since it is believed that no prior art systems permit a user to directly annotate such types of charts from within a conventional web browser, the undersigned submits that the present claims plainly present patentable subject matter. Accordingly, early allowance of the same is earnestly solicited.

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